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In the fall of 1950 Chinese Communists and Soviets divided the North Korean-Manchurian border area into war zones as follows:

- North Hamgyong Province, under the jurisdiction of the Vladivostok Sub-Military District of the 6 Army Group, Soviet Far East Military District. This district is under the command of General K'o-nieh-fu (?Konev*) of the Soviet 1 Special Red Banner Army. The tank and artillery divisions of the Soviet 1 Special Red Banner Army are stationed in the Najin area.
- South Hamgyong Province and the Chungpaishan (128- , 42-) area. This is defined as the pacification area and is called Voenni Sodeistvenni Okrug (cooperative** military district) by the Soviets.
- Pyongan Province, the advance area of the Chinese Communists. If necessary, Chinese troops were to be disposed from Chian (126-10, 41-07) via Hamhung (17-32, 39-54) to Songjin (126-04, 40-56).***

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* [] Comment. This is not Marshal I. S. Konev, but it may be the Major General Ivan Nikitich Kneev who in 1947 was stationed in Germany with headquarters at Bobersberg.

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** [] Comment. Jurisdiction is not stated, but the use of the word "cooperative" would indicate the zone is administered jointly by the Chinese and Soviets.

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*** [] Comment. It is not clear whether the place indicated is Songjin-dong (126-04, 40-56) or Songjin (129-12, 40-40).

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